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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on January 3, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 10 and 17. Please amend claims 1 and 20 as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) A method of processing a proteinaceous material with enhanced solubility and color characteristics, the method comprising:

blending the proteinaceous material with alcohol and a reducing agent wherein the ratio of proteinaceous material to alcohol is greater than 1:1 by weight; [and]

maintaining a combination comprising the proteinaceous material and the reducing agent at a [greater than ambient] temperature greater than 90°C and a pressure greater than 10psig for a holding period of at least about five minutes to form a proteinaceous product; and

venting the pressure on the proteinaceous product to support evaporation of all or essentially all of the alcohol (instead of alcohol use "to release gaseous phase"?).